

Provides relative to the district court for Webster Parish.

Existing law provides for a fee not to exceed \$15 from every person filing any type of civil suit or proceeding who is not otherwise exempted by law and a fee not to exceed \$10 in every criminal case against every defendant who is convicted, pleads guilty or nolo contendere, or forfeits bond. Further provides that these fees shall be collected by the clerk and remitted to the Judicial Expense Fund for the 26th JDC to be used for any purpose or purposes connected with, incidental to, or related to the proper administration or function of the court.

New law retains all of existing law and adds that the sheriff of Webster Parish shall collect an additional fee of \$10, in all criminal cases in district court in Webster Parish, against every defendant who is convicted or pleads guilty or forfeits bond. Further provides that the sheriff shall remit the fees to the police jury of Webster Parish to defray the expenses of housing, feeding, and maintaining parish prisoners.

New law also requires that the additional fees be maintained by the police jury treasurer in a separate fund and authorizes the police jury to pay expenses as they accrue. Limits expenditures to any of the following purposes:

- (1) Participating in the costs of or for the purpose of constructing or maintaining parish prison facilities, facilities for pretrial or post-trial detainees, or any similar facility.
- (2) Use as matching funds for any state or federal monies available to the police jury for the purpose of housing, feeding, or maintaining parish prisoners.
- (3) Payment of services to out-of-parish facilities for pretrial or post-trial detainees.
- (4) Any expenses incurred in housing, feeding, detaining, transferring, or